

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: My-Daughter.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1800550.011

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Unrestricted.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 February 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 14 February 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image depicts a clothed female of indeterminate age who has been tied to a bench. The Classification Office has given consideration as to whether the image depicts a young person and has concluded that it does not. The subject does not seem unduly concerned or appear stressed. It might be a consensual BDSM situation which would negate any element of cruelty. Though disquieting in tone, the absence of context means the image can be read a number of ways. It may well be that the situation depicted is exploitative or sexual but in the absence of context it is simply confusing. Its unrestricted availability is therefore unlikely to be injurious to the public good. The unrestricted classification is consistent with the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.